1	2	3
Indian Bank	1629.82	1166.32
Indian Overseas Bank	1896.48	1547.22
Oriental Bank of Commerce	1146.25	1213.73
Punjab & Sind Bank	1246.89	1203.51
Punjab National Bank	4980.06	4670.13
Syndicate Bank	1416.22	1586.14
UCO Bank	1366.49	1450.36
Union Bank of India	2387.61	2346.83
United Bank of India	959.08	764.18
Vijaya Bank	505.54	389.71
Total (Nationalised Banks)	**36878.78**	**34989.70**
State Bank of India	13506.07	11836.91
State Bank of Bikaner & Jaipur	580.29	483.66
State Bank of Hyderabad	739.84	691.35
State Bank of Indore	295.25	266.36
State Bank of Mysore	562.01	514.53
State Bank of Patiala	533.85	503.61
State Bank of Saurashtra	354.34	200.43
State Bank of Travancore	635.26	661.76
Total (SBI Group)	**17206.91**	**15158.61**
Total (Public Sector Banks)	**54085.69**	**50148.31**

Shifting of Regional Office of United Bank of India

*313. SHRI RISHANG KEISHING: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether United Bank of India as the lead bank for Manipur, has shifted its Regional Office from Imphal to Silchar, Assam and has also closed down its five branches;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefore; and

(c) what steps are being taken including finding a new lead bank to accelerate banking activities in Manipur specially in hilly districts?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The United Bank of India has reported that it closed down 5 non-viable branches in 2000-01 in the hill districts of Manipur. It also merged its Regional Office at Imphal with the adjacent Cachar region at Silchar, under the scheme of Reconstruction Plan of Weak Banks which was approved by the RBI and the Government. A Coordinating Office continues to function in Manipur, for monitoring its branches.

(c) As per the extant policy, the Board of Directors of the banks can decide on the policy and strategy for setting up new branches. It is left to their discretion to identify the locality/centre for opening new branches taking into account their annual business plan, growth/potential for business at the new centres, etc. The United Bank of India which is the lead bank for all the nine districts of the State and also the convenor of the State Level Bankers' Committee (SLBC) has further reported that it has drawn up district-wise Annual Credit Plans for the year 2004-05 of Rs. 60.50 crores for lending to the priority sector. Efforts are being made to enhance the reach of institutional credit through Kisan Credit Cards (KCCs), Self Help Groups (SHGs), Government sponsored schemes, etc.

Growth prospects of Civil Aviation sector

*314. DR. KARAN SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number with names of the public sector and private sector airlines in the country with economic viability;

(b) whether a number of private carriers (East West Airlines) are waiting in the wings for clearance and licence to fly; and

(c) the status of domestic civil aviation sector with growth prospects in the next five years with names of likely players and share?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) There are three schedule airlines in the public sector, namely (i) Air India Ltd. (ii) Indian Airlines Ltd. and (iii) Airlines Allied Services Ltd. (Alliance Air) and three Scheduled Airlines in the private sectors namely Jet Airways Pvt. Ltd., Sahara Airlines Ltd., (Air Sahara) and Deccan Aviation Pvt. Ltd. (Air Deccan) Besides this, there is one scheduled cargo airline in private sector, namely Blue Dart